



NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

During District Work Period, I have been speaking with constituents throughout our district about the issues that matter to them. I told them that their stories won't just stay in the district—I will share them with other members of Congress in hopes that we can work together to stop deep budget cuts that would hurt our constituents, work on repairing infrastructure, make education and healthcare more affordable, and help small businesses grow. Members of the Chamber of Commerce shared their concerns with me. College students asked me about environmental issues, high schoolers asked about costs of higher education, and veterans talked about ways to help other vets. I met folks who treat people with substance abuse disorders and need funds to help their patients, and I talked to program administrators who fear their clients will be in dangerously cold homes if the White House proposal to cut low income energy assistance succeeds. A woman who is unable to work now because of disability told me about her daily struggle to get by. I thank all those who shared their stories, and I will carry those stories back to DC.

Community health and Medicare for all

This week, I hosted a roundtable with Manchester Community Health Center leaders and staff. Our discussion highlighted the key role community health centers play in serving the Manchester community, including in addressing the heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid crisis, and how the Affordable Care Act and its Medicaid expansion have improved community health centers' ability to provide care. I shared my commitment to continuing that progress and discussed how my recently introduced bill, the Medicare You Can Opt Into Act of 2017, would do that.

Watch WMUR's coverage here:



Connecting with small business

This morning I had the opportunity to update the Greater Derry-Londonderry and Salem Chambers of Commerce about my work in Washington, together with Annie Kuster.



Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and we all agree that they deserve support and certainty from Congress. I also enjoyed taking questions about issues that are important to the community, including workforce development, health care, foreign affairs, and student debt.

Standing up for low-income heating assistance

Yesterday in Laconia, I sat down with Low-Income Heating Program (LIHEAP) administrators and recipients to hear their concerns about the President's budget proposal to eliminate this assistance.



LIHEAP helps more than 36,000 New Hampshire families keep the heat on every winter. Congress must not cut essential programs for our most vulnerable just to give bigger tax breaks to the wealthiest.

Closing thoughts

While Republican leadership has not yet announced a Floor schedule for next week, we're expecting a busy week in Washington. Although funding for the federal government expires on Friday, we haven't developed a budget and there hasn't been a public proposal for a Continuing Resolution. This last-minute approach to governing causes ongoing uncertainty and represents an irresponsible and unacceptable approach to doing the people's business. While I'm hopeful Congress can come to a long-term, bipartisan funding agreement, the White House yesterday indicated there could be yet another attempt to pass the Republican health care bill as soon as Wednesday. I'll be fighting for Congress to do its job and fund the government instead of wasting more time on an unacceptable and immoral bill that would strip coverage from millions of Americans.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your representative in Congress.

Best wishes,

Carol Shea-Porter

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[House project for Derry veteran building walls, community](#)

Derry News // Julie Huss

The foundation is poured and the community is being built. For Derry veteran Larry Riemer, it's a wonderful sight and a long time coming. Last week, U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter paid Riemer a visit, saying she had heard about his story and wanted to meet him.

[State's congresswomen call \\$3.1 million heading to NH to fight opioid crisis 'good start,' but not enough](#)

WMUR // John DiStaso

New Hampshire's all-Democratic congressional delegation are calling \$3.1 million promised the Granite State by the Trump administration to fight the substance abuse crisis a good start, but not enough.

[Shea-Porter Talks Health Care During Trip to Manchester](#)

NHPR // Paige Sutherland

U.S. Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter has been at home in New Hampshire this week. She was in Manchester Wednesday to talk about health care reform.